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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Ryuji HOTTA :

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GROUP ART UNIT: 3637

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FOR: FASTENING MEMBER AND SIDING
BOARDS ATTACHMENT STRUCTURE :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 19, 2002, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Group I, Claims 1-18, 24, drawn to a siding board attachment structure.

The Restriction Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to distinct inventions. However, MPEP § 803 states the following:

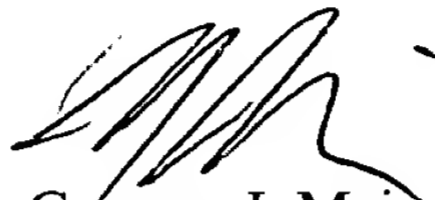
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn,
and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-24 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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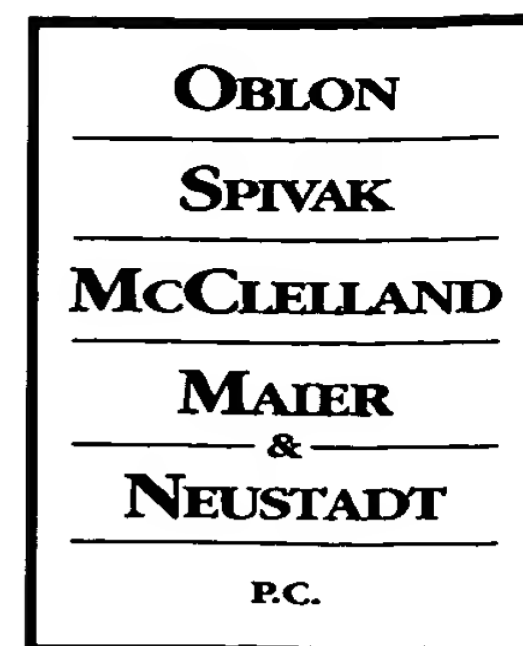
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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